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Georgia Southern student-athletes honored for work in the classroom

Student-Athlete Services

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Each month, the Georgia Southern Student-Athlete Services Department hands out its Student-Athlete of the Month, presented by Georgia Army National Guard, which recognizes students who are working just as hard in the classroom as they are on the field of competition. The male winner for the month of January is [Murphy McCullough](#) of the tennis team. Let's get to know Murphy!

Name: [Murphy McCullough](#)

Hometown: Johns Creek, GA

Sport: Men's Tennis

Major: Marketing

What is the best way for you to balance your academic and athletic lifestyle?

The best way to balance school and athletics is to stay organized and manage your time well. I keep a schedule of what I'm supposed to be doing everyday and when it's supposed to be done, so that helps a lot.

Why did you choose Georgia Southern University to further your education?

I chose Georgia Southern over a couple different schools because I thought it would be the best fit for me. I liked the size of the school, various support systems the school has for student-athletes and more importantly the culture within the tennis team.

What are your career aspirations?

As of right now I have accepted a job with a material handling consultant company in Atlanta, but it would be awesome to run my own business or company one day with something related to sports.

When it comes to striving to do your best in the classroom, who is the biggest motivator in your life?

I honestly think that my teammates are the ones who push me the most in the classroom. Most of them are very bright individuals and I just try to keep up with them.

What are your pre game/competition rituals if you have any?

Before matches I try to stay as relaxed as possible, so I'm usually joking around with teammates. During the match I try and keep my strings straight, so in between points I'm always fixing them and looking at my racquet.

Favorite pre game/competition meal?

My favorite place to go to the night before a match has to be olive garden just because the amount of food you can get. The breadstick/soup/entree combo is undefeated.

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